(d) the funds allotted for over-bridges in Andhra Pradesh in 2000-20001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Information is not maintained District-wise. However, in Andhra Pradesh 19 works of Road Over/Under Bridges have been sanctioned on cost sharing basis.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Works, which are taken on cost sharing basis, are allotted adequate funds to progress commensurate with the progress of approaches work being done by State Govts.

(d) Funds are not allotted State-wise. However, Rs. 250.00 crore has been allotted for Road Over Bridge Plan Head, in year 2000-2001.

Internal Audit System in Railways

1003. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any internal system in Indian Railways for auditing the safety system, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The Safety Organization has been structured as a 3-tier organization *i.e.* Ministry of Railways, Zonal Railways and Divisional level. In a sense, the safety organization performs a role similar to that of an internal audit on aspects concerning safety in train operations.

To ensure safety in train operations, in addition to field inspections the organization monitors training of staff during safety camps, refresher and promotional courses. In addition, the safety department organizes periodical safety meetings and safety seminars. Publicity through safety circulars, bulletins and safety posters is also being

organized by Safety Organization.

(b) Does not arise.

Introduction of Palace on Wheels Train from Hyderabad

1004. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Palace on Wheels train from Hyderabad, to attract foreign tourists to various places of attraction in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) if so, the measures taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Derailments of Passenger and Goods Trains

1005. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many derailments of passenger and goods trains took place during 1999;

(b) what was the loss incurred by the Railways on account of these derailments;

(c) what are the reasons for these derailments; and

(d) what steps are being taken to minimize them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) There were 99 derailments of passenger trains and 223 goods trains during the year 1999.

(b) Loss incurred by the Railways on account of these derailments was Rs. 43.67 crores (approximately).